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In re the Application of: **Kazumasa IKUSHIMA**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**  
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Filed: **May 10, 2001**

For: **PASTE PATTERN FORMING METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 10, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a method of uniformly applying a paste, on the surface of a metal piece.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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